

Route 150
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Design is Underway

MoDOT Kicks Off Route 150 Widening

The Missouri Department of Transportation (MoDOT) plans to widen an eight-mile segment of Missouri Route 150 from east of Missouri Route 71 to just west of Missouri Route 291. Route 150 is a major arterial--typically a four-lane, divided roadway with raised median. The design will reflect community input provided in the 2001 environmental assessment and concept study.

The redesign of Route 150 will coordinate with a separate project to improve the Route 71 and 150 interchange, scheduled for construction beginning in 2007. The interchange improvements include replacing the existing diamond interchange with a single-point, urban interchange.

The redesign of Route 150 will be determined by spring 2007 as part of the preliminary design. Most of the funding will come from the voter-approved Amendment 3, which in part helps to accelerate planned road and bridge projects.

What Are We Doing?

Preliminary Design

The design team is meeting this spring with nearby residents and stakeholders to discuss issues and talk about the design. Design criteria for the Route 150 alignment include:

- Existing Land Uses
- Existing Plans for Trails and New Development
- Connections to Existing and Future Roadways
- Wise Use of Funding
- Urban Typical Section (usually includes raised medians)
- 45 MPH Design Speed
- Signalized Intersections as Warranted
- Minimum 360 Feet of Stopping Sight Distance
- Limited Access



Current view of the Route 150 corridor

Opportunities for Public Input

Process and Timing

The public involvement process will occur over the next year. During that time, the design team will meet with neighborhood residents, property owners, and other stakeholders through scheduled interviews, community coffees, and public hearings to better understand and respond to important issues. The Team recognizes that community concerns will differ by geographic location within the corridor and will meet first with stakeholders in the western portion of the corridor, where right-of-way was acquired many years ago, then with stakeholders to the east, and finally with those stakeholders in the center section of the corridor. The meetings will consist of stakeholder meetings and community coffees.

Once the issues from each group have been heard and understood, an initial public hearing will be conducted for the entire corridor to show the intended intersections and access plan. Following that hearing, another round of interviews and community coffees will provide more information.

Additional newsletters will be mailed to interested stakeholders, outlining the results of meetings and announcing upcoming ones.

Public Outreach Methods Defined

- **Stakeholder Meetings:** These meetings will take place with selected corridor stakeholders representing community and business organizations, neighborhood associations, city departments, and elected officials to discuss project issues and concerns.
- **Community Coffees:** Informal open houses with property owners, developers, emergency service providers, neighborhood and corridor groups, school district representatives, and utility companies to discuss specific project issues with MoDOT and the design team in small groups.
- **Public Hearings:** Open house public hearings, where participants may come and go as they please over a two-hour period, will provide residents and stakeholders another opportunity to ask questions and provide input to designers, first regarding the project scope and later its final design.



What's Next

Stakeholder Meetings to Begin in May

In May the Design Team will begin the first series of targeted stakeholder meetings to discuss the Route 150 widening with area municipalities, business and neighborhood groups, and more. The results of the meetings will be included in future newsletters.

Any person with disability desiring reasonable accommodation to attend this meeting may contact Mary Miller, P.E., Transportation Project Manager at 622-6570 or dial 711 at 1-800-735-2966 (Missouri Relay TT for persons who are deaf and hard of hearing) at least 24 hours prior to the meeting or event.

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Questions?

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